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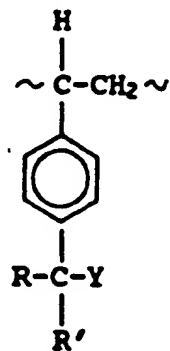
(54) Title: UV/EB CURABLE BUTYL COPOLYMERS FOR COATING APPLICATIONS**(57) Abstract**

A radiation reactive functionalized polymer comprising an isoolefin having about 4 to about 7 carbon atoms and a para-alkylstyrene, wherein a radiation reactive functional group is attached to the para-alkyl group of the para-alkylstyrene. The polymer has a substantially homogeneous compositional distribution and may be utilized in lithographic and coating applications. Also disclosed are radiation curable pressure sensitive adhesives comprising the functionalized polymer and a tackifier.

CLAIMS:

- 1 1. A radiation-curable coating composition, comprising:
 - 2 (a) a radiation-crosslinkable functionalized
 - 3 polymer of an isoolefin of 4 to 7 carbon
 - 4 atoms and para-alkylstyrene comonomer,
 - 5 said functionalized polymer having
 - 6 substantially homogeneous compositional
 - 7 distribution wherein the comonomer is
 - 8 functionalized with a radiation-reactive
 - 9 group at the para-alkyl group of the para-
 - 10 alkylstyrene; and
 - 11 (b) a tackifier resin.
- 1 2. The coating composition of claim 1, wherein said
- 2 functionalized polymer has a number average
- 3 molecular weight of at least about 5000.
- 1 3. The coating composition of claim 2, wherein said
- 2 functionalized polymer has a number average
- 3 molecular weight of between about 5000 and 500,000.
- 1 4. The coating composition of claim 1, wherein said
- 2 functionalized polymer has a ratio of weight average
- 3 molecular weight to number average molecular weight
- 4 of less than about 6.
- 1 5. The coating composition of claim 1, wherein at least
- 2 about 95 weight percent of said functionalized
- 3 polymer has a para-alkylstyrene content within about
- 4 10 weight percent of the average para-alkylstyrene
- 5 content for said functionalized polymer.
- 1 6. The coating composition of claim 1, wherein said
- 2 isoolefin comprises isobutylene and said para-
- 3 alkylstyrene comprises para-methylstyrene.
- 1 7. The coating composition of claim 6, wherein said
- 2 functionalized polymer has a number average
- 3 molecular weight greater than about 5000.
- 1 8. The coating composition of claim 7, wherein said
- 2 functionalized polymer has a ratio of weight average
- 3 molecular weight to number average molecular weight
- 4 of less than about 6.

- 1 9. The coating composition of claim 1, wherein said
 2 isoolefin and said para-alkylstyrene are present in
 3 said functionalized polymer in amounts such that
 4 said isoolefin comprises from about 10 to 99.5
 5 percent by weight of said polymer and said para-
 6 alkylstyrene comprises from about 0.5 to 90 percent
 7 by weight of said functionalized polymer.
- 1 10. The coating composition of claim 9, wherein said
 2 isoolefin comprises isobutylene and said para-
 3 alkylstyrene comprises para-methylstyrene.
- 1 11. The coating composition of claim 1, wherein said
 2 copolymer includes said para-alkylstyrene as



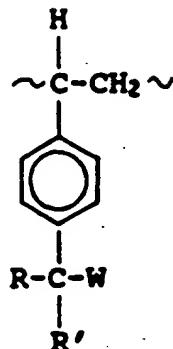
15 wherein R and R' are independently selected from the
 16 group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, and primary and
 17 secondary alkyl halide radicals and Y comprises a
 18 mixture of hydrogen and radiation-reactive
 19 functionality.

- 1 12. The coating composition of claim 11, wherein R and
 2 R' are independently selected from the group
 3 consisting of hydrogen, C₁ to C₅ alkyl and C₁ to C₅
 4 primary and secondary alkyl halide.

- 1 13. The coating composition of claim 11, wherein said
2 radiation-reactive functionality comprises a
3 nucleophilically substituted photoinitiator
4 selected from the group consisting of benzophenone,
5 4-chlorobenzophenone, 4-hydroxybenzophenone, benzo-
6 quinone, naphthaquinone, anthraquinone, 2-
7 chloroanthraquinone, benzylidene acetophenone,
8 acetophenone, propiophenone, cyclopropyl phenyl
9 ketone, benzaldehyde, β -naphthylphenyl ketone, β -
10 naphthaldehyde, β -acetonaphthone, 2,3-pentanedione,
11 benzil, fluorenone, benzanthrone, Michler's ketone,
12 bis(parahydroxybenzylidene)acetone, benzoin, deoxy-
13 benzoin, and chlorodeoxybenzoin.
- 1 14. The coating composition of claim 11, wherein said
2 radiation-reactive functionality comprises
3 nucleophilically substituted thioxanthone.
- 1 15. The coating composition of claim 11, wherein said
2 radiation-reactive functionality comprises a
3 nucleophilically substituted photoinitiator selected
4 from N,N-disubstituted dithiocarbamic acid and
5 esters and salts thereof.
- 1 16. The coating composition of claim 11, wherein said
2 radiation-reactive functionality comprises a
3 nucleophilically substituted photoinitiator selected
4 from tung oil acid and esters and salts thereof.
- 1 17. The coating composition of claim 11, wherein said
2 radiation-reactive functionality comprises
3 photoinitiators selected from the group consisting
4 of benzoic acid, cinnamic acid, m -nitrocinnamic
5 acid, p-chlorocinnamic acid, p-methoxycinnamic acid,
6 chalcone acrylic acid, p-phenylenebis(acrylic acid)
7 p-azidobenzoic acid, p-sulfonazidebenzoic acid, α -
8 cyanocinnamic acid, cinnamylideneacetic acid,
9 cinnamylidenemalonic acid, α -cyanocinnamylidene-
10 acetic acid, β -(1)-naphthylacrylic acid, β -(2)-
11 furfurylacrylic acid, α -cyano- β -(2)-thienylacrylic
12 acid, β -(1) naphthylacrylic acid, β -(9)-
13 anthrylacrylic acid and esters and salts thereof.

- 1 18. The coating composition of claim 1, wherein said
2 polymer comprises from about 5 to about 95 parts by
3 weight of the composition and said tackifier
4 comprises from about 5 to about 95 parts by weight
5 of the composition, wherein parts by weight of the
6 polymer and the tackifier total 100.
- 1 19. The coating composition of claim 1, wherein said
2 polymer comprises from about 30 to about 70 parts by
3 weight of the composition and said tackifier
4 comprises from about 30 to about 70 parts by weight
5 of the composition, wherein parts by weight of the
6 polymer and the tackifier total 100.
- 1 20. The coating composition of claim 1, wherein said
2 copolymer comprises from about 10 to about 99.5
3 weight percent of said isoolefins and from about 0.5
4 to about 90 weight percent of said para-
5 alkylstyrene.

- 1 21. The coating composition of claim 20, wherein said
2 para-alkylstyrene is included in said polymer as:



15 wherein R and R' are independently selected from
16 hydrogen, alkyl and primary and secondary alkyl
17 halide, and W is selected from hydrogen, X, Y and Z,
18 wherein X is chlorine or bromine, Y is a radiation-
19 reactive functional group, and Z is a non-radiation-
20 reactive functional group containing oxygen, sulfur,
21 silicon, nitrogen, carbon or metal selected from
22 sodium potassium, lithium and magnesium, wherein
23 said para-alkylstyrene wherein W is hydrogen
24 comprises from about 0.5 to about 99.5 percent by
25 weight of said polymer, said para-alkylstyrene,
26 wherein W is Y comprises from about 0.5 to about 55
27 percent by weight of said polymer, said para-
28 alkylstyrene, wherein W is X comprises from 0 to 55
29 percent by weight of said polymer, and said para-
30 alkylstyrene wherein W is Z comprises from 0 to 55
31 percent by weight of said polymer, said polymer
32 having a number average molecular weight above about
33 5000.

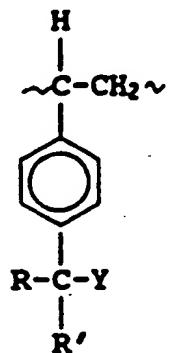
- 1 22. The coating composition of claim 21, wherein said
2 para-alkylstyrene wherein W is hydrogen comprises
3 from about 1 to about 20 percent by weight of said
4 polymer, said para-alkylstyrene wherein W is Y
5 comprises from about 0.5 to about 20 percent by
6 weight of said polymer, said para-alkylstyrene
7 wherein W is X comprises less than about 20 percent
8 by weight of said polymer, and said para-
9 alkylstyrene wherein W is Z comprises from 0 to
10 about 20 percent by weight of said polymer, said
11 polymer having a number average molecular weight
12 from about 5000 to about 500,000 and a ratio of
13 weight average molecular weight to average molecular
14 weight less than about 6.
- 1 23. The coating composition of claim 21, wherein said
2 para-alkylstyrene wherein W is hydrogen comprises
3 from about 2 to about 10 percent by weight of said
4 polymer, said para-alkylstyrene wherein W is Y
5 comprises from about 0.5 to about 15 percent by
6 weight of said polymer, said para-alkylstyrene
7 wherein W is X comprises less than about 15 percent
8 by weight of said polymer, and said para-
9 alkylstyrene wherein W is Z comprises from 0 to
10 about 15 percent by weight of said polymer, said
11 polymer having a number average molecular weight
12 from about 5000 to about 500,000 and a ratio of
13 weight average molecular weight to average molecular
14 weight less than about 6.
- 1 24. The coating composition of claim 21, wherein said
2 para-alkylstyrene wherein W is Y comprises from
3 about 1 to about 7 percent by weight of said
4 polymer, and said para-alkylstyrene wherein W is X
5 comprises less than about 1 percent by weight of
6 said polymer, said polymer having a number average
7 molecular weight from about 5000 to about 500,000
8 and a ratio of weight average molecular weight to
9 average molecular weight less than about 6.

- 1 25. The coating composition of claim 21, wherein said
2 polymer is essentially free of said para-
3 alkylstyrene wherein W is X.
- 1 26. The coating composition of claim 22, wherein said
2 polymer comprises less than about 1 percent by
3 weight of said para-alkylstyrene wherein W is X.
- 1 27. A process for producing a radiation-crosslinkable
2 functionalized polymer, comprising reacting:
 - 3 (a) in a nucleophilic substitution reaction, a
4 halogenated polymer comprising an
5 isolefin of 4 to 7 carbon atoms and a
6 para-alkylstyrene comonomer, said polymer
7 having a substantially homogeneous
8 compositional distribution and essentially
9 free of halogen atoms in the polymer
10 backbone and also in the aromatic rings,
11 said halogen atoms being substantially
12 alkylhalide attached to the pendant para-
13 alkylstyrene and primarily
14 alkylmonohalide; with
 - 15 (b) a nucleophilic reagent comprising a
16 radiation reactive nucleophile.
- 1 28. The process of claim 27, further comprising the
2 preliminary steps of reacting said isolefin and
3 said para-alkylstyrene in a polymerization reactor
4 under polymerization conditions in the presence of a
5 diluent and a Lewis Acid catalyst, maintaining said
6 polymerization reactor substantially free of
7 impurities which can complex with said catalyst or
8 copolymerize with said isolefin or said para-
9 alkylstyrene to obtain a precursor copolymer, and
10 contacting said precursor copolymer with a halogen
11 in the presence of a free radical initiator to
12 obtain said halogenated polymer.
- 1 29. The process of claim 27, wherein said isolefin
2 comprises isobutene and said para-alkylstyrene
3 comprises para-methylstyrene.
- 1 30. The process of claim 27, wherein said halogen
2 comprises bromine.

- 1 31. The process of claim 27, wherein said radiation
2 reactive nucleophile comprises a nucleophilically
3 substituted photoinitiator selected from the group
4 consisting of benzophenone, 4-chlorobenzophenone, 4-
5 hydroxybenzophenone, benzoquinone, naphthaquinone,
6 anthraquinone, 2-chloroanthraquinone, benzylidene
7 aceto-phenone, acetophenone, propiophenone,
8 cyclopropyl phenyl ketone, benzaldehyde, β -
9 napthylphenyl ketone, β -naphthaldehyde, β -
10 acetonaphthone, 2,3-pentanedione, benzil,
11 fluorenone, benzanthrone, Michler's ketone,
12 bis(parahydroxybenzylidene)acetone, benzoin, deoxy-
13 benzoin, and chlorodeoxybenzoin.
- 1 32. The process of claim 27, wherein said radiation
2 reactive nucleophile comprises nucleophilically
3 substituted thioxanthone photoinitiator.
- 1 33. The process of claim 27, wherein said radiation
2 reactive nucleophile comprises a nucleophilically
3 substituted photoinitiator selected from N,N-
4 disubstituted dithiocarbamic acid and esters and
5 salts thereof.
- 1 34. The process of claim 27, wherein said radiation
2 reactive nucleophile comprises a nucleophilically
3 substituted photoinitiator selected from tung oil
4 acid and esters and salts thereof.
- 1 35. The process of claim 27, wherein said radiation
2 reactive nucleophile comprises a nucleophilically
3 substituted photoinitiator selected from benzoic
4 acid, cinnamic acid, m-nitrocinnamic acid, p-
5 chlorocinnamic acid, p-methoxycinnamic acid,
6 chalcone acrylic acid, p-phenylenebis(acrylic acid)
7 p-azidobenzoic acid, p-sulfonazidebenzoic acid, α -
8 cyanocinnamic acid, cinnamylideneacetic acid,
9 cinnamylidenemalonic acid, α -cyanocinnamylidene-
10 acetic acid, β -(1)-naphthylacrylic acid, β -(2)-
11 furfuryl-acrylic acid, α -cyano- β -(2)-thienylacrylic
12 acid, β -(1) naphthylacrylic acid, β -(9)-
13 anthrylacrylic acid and esters and salts thereof.

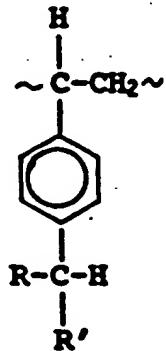
- 1 36. A coated article having adhered to at least a
2 portion of a surface thereof, the radiation curable
3 coating composition of claim 1.
- 1 37. The article of claim 36, wherein said surface is
2 coated with a hot melt of said coating composition.
- 1 38. The article of claim 36, wherein said coating
2 composition is crosslinked by exposure to
3 electromagnetic radiation.
- 1 39. A method for making a coated article, comprising the
2 steps of:
 - 3 (a) coating at least a portion of a surface of
4 the article with the coating composition
5 of claim 1;
 - 6 (b) exposing said surface to electromagnetic
7 radiation to crosslink the coating
8 composition.
- 1 40. The method of claim 39, wherein said surface is
2 coated with a hot melt of said coating composition.
- 1 41. The method of claim 39, wherein said crosslinking
2 radiation comprises electron beam or gamma
3 radiation.

1 42. A radiation curable copolymer, comprising an
 2 isoolefin of 4 to 7 carbon atoms randomly
 3 polymerized with a para-alkylstyrene comonomer,
 4 wherein the para-alkylstyrene is included as



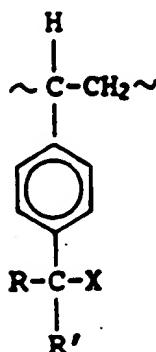
17 wherein R and R' are independently selected from the
 18 group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl and primary and
 19 secondary alkyl halides, and Y is a radiation-
 20 reactive functional group added by nucleophilic
 21 substitution of a photoinitiator compound selected
 22 from one or more of aromatic aldehydes and ketones,
 23 alkoxy and acyl-substituted aromatics, hetero
 24 aromatics, fused ring polycyclic aromatics,
 25 dithiocarbamates, unsaturated fatty acids, aromatic
 26 carboxylic acids, nitroaromatics, dye compounds,
 27 azides, diazonium salts and combinations thereof.

1 43. The copolymer of claim 42, wherein said para-
 2 alkylstyrene is further included as



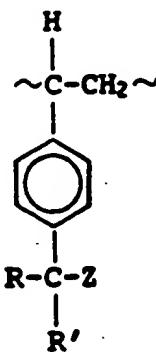
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- 1 44. The copolymer of claim 42, wherein said para-
2 alkylstyrene is further included as
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- 1 45. The copolymer of claim 42, wherein said para-
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16 wherein Z is a non-radiation-reactive functional
17 group containing oxygen, sulfur, silicon, nitrogen,
18 carbon, phosphorus or a metal selected from sodium,
19 potassium, lithium, and magnesium.

- 1 46. The copolymer of claim 42, wherein said
2 photoinitiator comprises a nucleophilically
3 substituted photoinitiator selected from the group
4 consisting of benzophenone, 4-chlorobenzophenone, 4-
5 hydroxybenzophenone, benzoquinone, naphthaquinone,
6 anthraquinone, 2-chloroanthraquinone, benzylidene
7 aceto-phenone, acetophenone, propiophenone,
8 cyclopropyl phenyl ketone, benzaldehyde, β -
9 naphtylphenyl ketone, β -naphthaldehyde, β -
10 acetonaphthone, 2,3-pentanedione, benzil,
11 fluorenone, benzanthrone, Michler's ketone,
12 bis(parahydroxybenzylidene)acetone, benzoin,
13 deoxybenzoin, and chlorodeoxybenzoin.
- 1 47. The copolymer of claim 42, wherein said
2 photoinitiator comprises nucleophilically
3 substituted thioxanthone.
- 1 48. The copolymer of claim 42, wherein said
2 photoinitiator comprises a nucleophilically
3 substituted photoinitiator selected from N,N-
4 disubstituted dithiocarbamic acid and esters and
5 salts thereof.
- 1 49. The copolymer of claim 42, wherein said
2 photoinitiator comprises a nucleophilically
3 substituted photoinitiator selected from tung oil
4 acid and esters and salts thereof.
- 1 50. The copolymer of claim 42, wherein said
2 photoinitiator comprises photoinitiators selected
3 from the group consisting of benzoic acid, cinnamic
4 acid, m-nitrocinnamic acid, p-chlorocinnamic acid,
5 p-methoxycinnamic acid, chalcone acrylic acid, p-
6 phenylenebis(acrylic acid) p-azidobenzoic acid, p-
7 sulfonazidebenzoic acid, α -cyanocinnamic acid,
8 cinnamylideneacetic acid, cinnamylidenemalonic acid,
9 α -cyanocinnamylideneacetic acid, β -(1)-naphthyl-
10 acrylic acid, β -(2)-furfurylacrylic acid, α -cyano- β -
11 -(2)-thienylacrylic acid, β -(1) naphthylacrylic acid,
12 β -(9)-anthrylacrylic acid and esters and salts
13 thereof.

- 1 51. A coated article, comprising an article having
2 adhered to at least a portion of a surface thereof,
3 the radiation-curable copolymer of claim 42.
- 1 52. The article of claim 51, wherein said surface is
2 coated with a hot melt of the copolymer.
- 1 53. The article of claim 51, wherein said copolymer is
2 crosslinked by exposure to electromagnetic
3 radiation.
- 1 54. A method for making a coated article, comprising the
2 steps of:
 - 3 (a) coating at least a portion of a surface of
4 the article with the copolymer of claim
5 42;
 - 6 (b) exposing said surface to electromagnetic
7 radiation to crosslink the copolymer.
- 1 55. The method of claim 54, wherein said coating
2 comprises a hot melt or solvent application.
- 1 56. The method of claim 54, wherein said crosslinking
2 radiation comprises ultraviolet, electron beam or
3 gamma radiation.

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